

## Social and Personal

### The Drifted Storm.

Below the town, beyond the heights,  
The wild, dark goblins sweep and glide  
With mantles loose and banners wide,  
With flying plumes and lurid lights.

With plumes and banners and the blur  
Of flambeaux there on haunted ground,  
They gather, in weird honor, round  
Some phantom hero's sepulchre.

And up the sleeping valley comes  
The sound of troops in cavalcade,  
Of wind and horn and cannonade,  
Or music as of muffled drums.

—John Reginald Ellyson.

### Mr. Ellyson's Poem.

Mr. Ellyson, who is at White Mills, Pa., and who is well known in Richmond as a fine short story and magazine writer, published the poem appearing at the head of this column in the Saturday Evening Post, of December 24. The illustration accompanying the verses lends them decided force and power, and adds to the impression produced by the author's recognized ability in imaginative description.

### Foster—Crockett.

Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, at Grafton, Va., was the scene of a beautiful wedding on yesterday, when Mr. J. Kemp Foster led to the altar Miss Lilian Crockett, of near Grafton. The church was beautifully decorated with Christmas evergreens and soft, shaded lights, which presented a charming appearance.

The bride, who is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Crockett, was beautifully gowned in a handsome creation of embroidery, with a white tulle train. Her wedding veil was caught with a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She entered the church on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Mary Sparrer, who was attired in cream silk lace and carried a floral basket. The groom is a prominent young man of old York.

Dr. L. O. Powell and Stanley Wormon were ushers. Miss Mary Ironmonger rendered very sweetly the wedding march of Mendelssohn as the bridal party entered, and Lohengrin as they left, while during the ceremony, which was impressively performed by Rev. J. R. Egleston, she played softly the "Moonlight Sonata."

### Minter—Robelen.

A beautiful wedding took place last evening at 9 o'clock, when Miss Carrie Ruth Robelen was married to Mr. Arthur Newman Minter, of Washington, Ind. The Rev. W. A. Cooper, of St. James' Methodist Church, officiated.

The decorations were in white and green and an improvised altar was erected, over which hung a holy wedding bell. Miss Jennie Adams was maid-of-honor, and Mr. John Lucard, of Huntington, W. Va., was best man. Mr. W. T. Fritz, of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. H. C. Robelen and Mr. W. D. Robelen, were ushers.

The bride wore a gown of blue chiffon velvet with hat and gloves to correspond and carried a bouquet of white silk mull and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

After the ceremony there was an informal reception, and later Mr. and Mrs. Minter left for Washington, Ind., where they will make their home.

### Hall—Clements.

A quiet marriage took place yesterday at the home of Miss Alice Netherland, No. 505 East Clay Street, when Miss Lucy M. Clements, of Beaver Dam Mills, was married to Mr. Clifton B. Hall, of the same place.

Miss Emma Netherland and Miss Grace Clements were bridesmaids, and wore blue cloth gowns.

The bride also wore blue with hat and gloves to match and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

After an extended northern tour, Mr. and Mrs. Hall will make their home at Beaver Dam Mills, Va.

### Pearson—Claughton.

The Baltimore American of December 25th, says: Mrs. Etta Luttrell Claughton, daughter of Mr. John D. Luttrell, of Leesville, Va., was married to Mr. John W. Pearson, of Leesville, Va., Tuesday morning, at No. 555 Harlem Avenue, Baltimore, by the Rev. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, pastor of First Baptist Church.

The bride wore a navy blue broadcloth traveling gown, with hat and gloves to match. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson left for a week's stay in New York and Niagara. They will reside at Leesville, Va.

### Announcements.

An engagement of much interest here is announced by the Washington Post of yesterday. The Post says: Rev. and Mrs. George Buckler announce the engagement of their daughter Mae to Mr. John Taylor Thompson, of Farmville, Va. Mr. Thompson was educated at Bethel Military Academy and the College of William and Mary, at which latter institution he received the degree A. B. in academic work in 1904. He is now a member of the law firm of Lee and Thompson, with offices at Farmville and Cresce, Va.

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## THE COHEN COMPANY

### Some Sample Values

### from Half-Price Sale

It is impossible to give more than an idea of what we are selling this week, when all profits have been cast aside in order to clear out every semblance of holiday wear, as well as broken lots.

#### A few hints:

#### Knit Underwear.

Hundreds of dozens of Knit Underwear for women—\$1 ones for 50c and 60c; the 30c ones for 25c, and the 20c ones for 12 1/2c; such prices all through the stock, to close.

#### Linen Doyleies, 2 1-2c.

A third off on Embroidered Linens; were 50c to \$3.75; now 35c to \$2.75.

Damask and Huck Towels, were 25c, for 17c.

Table Sets, were \$12.50, will be \$9 a set.

12-inch Bleached Doyleies, were 50c a dozen, for 2 1-2c each.

#### 69c Moire Velours, 40c

Yard-wide Black Taffeta, was 98c, for 75c a yard.

The 19-inch Black Taffeta, was 45c, for 35c.

Black Bath Duchesse, all silk, was 75c, for 50c.

#### \$3.50 Waists, \$1.50.

Best Flannel Shirt-Waists, well tailored; were \$3.50, now \$1.50.

\$1 New White Waists for 50c.

#### Women's \$10 Coats, \$5.75.

\$19 and \$21 Coats, \$12.50.

\$10 Long Coats, \$5.75.

\$15 and \$18 Suits, \$9 and \$10.

Children's Coats up to \$8.50, for \$5.

#### Second Floor.

#### \$2 Lace Curtains, \$1.

Broken lots Lace Curtains, from two to four pairs of a kind, some in this lot sold up to \$2, to close out, for \$1 a pair.

#### \$3.50 Comforts, \$2.50.

\$6.75 11-4 White Wool Blankets, \$5.

Extra Large \$3.50 Comforts, \$2.50.

35c and 45c Bleached Sheets, 35c.

Basement.

#### \$10. Brass Mirror, \$5.

\$10 Brass Filigree Frame Mirror with candelabra, for \$5.

\$2.25 Brass Photo Frames, \$1.12 1-2.

\$7.50 Lamps, \$5.

\$29 Haviland Dinner Sets, \$21.

### Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 698.

## THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL.

By ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

Other selections from Stevenson, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch have already been printed in this series.

**A** NAKED house, a naked moor,  
A shivering pool before the door,  
A garden bare of flowers and fruit,  
And poplars at the garden foot;  
Such is the place I live in,  
Bleak without and bare within.

Yet shall your ragged moors receive  
The incomparable pomp of eve,  
And the cold glories of the dawn;  
Behind your shivering trees be drawn;  
And when the wind from place to place  
Doth the unmoored cloud galleons chase,  
Your garden blooms and gleams again  
With leaping sun and glancing rain;  
Here shall the wizard moon ascend  
The heavens, the crimson end  
Of day, a declining splendor; here,  
The army of the stars appear.  
The neighbor hollows, dry or wet,  
Spring shall with tender flowers beset;  
And oft the morning muses see  
Larks rising from the broomy lea,  
And every fairy wheel and thread  
Of cobweb, dew-bedlamoned.  
When daisies go shall winter time  
Silver the simple grass with rime;  
Autumnal frosts enchant the pool  
And make the cart ruts beautiful.  
And when snow bright the moor expands,  
How shall your children clap their hands!  
To make this earth our heritage,  
A cheerful and a changeable page,  
God's intricate and bright device  
Of days and seasons doth suffice.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1905. One is published each day.

his associate being Mr. Henry E. Lee, Commonwealth's attorney of Nottingham county, Va.

Miss Buckler is well known in the musical circles of Washington.

The wedding will take place early in February at the residence of Mr. E. Church, The Rev. Carl G. Doney, the pastor, will officiate.

#### Neal—Thomas.

Announcement has been made of the approaching wedding of Miss E. Neal, of Montgomery, Ala., to Mr. Thomas, of Montgomery, Ala., the ceremony to take place on January 24, 1906. Mr. Neal is the son of Colonel James N. Neal and is well known throughout the State. He is connected with the theatre circuit and has managed the theatre circuit in Montgomery, Ala., where he met Miss Thomas.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS.

#### Six Hand Euchre.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Burley, of No. 121 North Adams Street, will entertain this evening in honor of Miss Alice Campbell, of Pittsburg, Pa., who is spending the winter at No. 204 West Grace Street.

Six-hand euchre will be played and guests will be welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Burley, Miss Campbell and Mr. Argyle Campbell, of Chicago. Refreshments will be served on the card tables after the game.

#### Miss Landstreet's Tea.

Miss Martha Landstreet gave a tea Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6, in honor of her guest, Miss O'Keefe. Besides Miss Landstreet and Miss O'Keefe in receiving were Misses Charlotte Forsythe and Patti Cary. Young ladies in the dining-room were Misses Rachel Unghart, Grace Neal, Beattie Jackson, Elizabeth King, Elizabeth Ryland and Marie Craz.

#### OF GENERAL INTEREST.

#### Jewish Council.

The Baltimore Sun of yesterday has

ment home. Mr. Fergus Reid, hearing that the club desired to rent the residence of Mr. Alfred P. Thom, No. 880 Freemason Street, purchased the house and will rent it to the ladies for a reasonable price.

#### Personal Mention.

Mrs. Alfred Cohen is the guest of Mrs. M. Kaufman, in Charlottesville.

Miss Ellen Guigon is visiting friends in Staunton.

Miss Fannie Polidexter, of this city, who has been the guest of the Misses Read, in Brambleton, is visiting now in Rocky Mount, N. C.

Mr. Hunter Carpenter, who has been visiting here, has returned to Clifton Forge.

Miss Margaret Peterson, of Harrisonburg, is spending some time with friends in this city.

Mrs. B. P. Mahanes is the guest of Captain C. J. Gooch and family, of Charlottesville.

Miss Harris, of this city, was among those who took part in the Fredericksburg Christmas german, which was danced Tuesday night.

Dr. William O'Leary, the noted physician, will arrive in Baltimore on January 5th, and will be the guest of Dr. Henry M. Hurd.

Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a box party Tuesday night at the Columbia Theatre, to see "The College Widow." The party included Commissioner of Corporations, and Mrs. James R. Garfield, Miss Garow, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, and Ethel and Kermit Roosevelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones are entertaining a holiday house party at their home in North Carolina. Miss Sadie Jones has as her guest Miss Elizabeth Elliott, of Washington.

The Albemarle Baby Show will have its exhibit on at the Hotel, in Charlottesville, on Thursday afternoon, December 28th. Seven handsome presents will be awarded, as many charming babies have been entered.

Miss Marie Morris of the Woman's College here, is spending the holidays with her parents in Brambleton.

Mr. J. Frank Miller is visiting friends in Newport News.

Mr. W. B. Knewstap, who is studying pharmacy here, is in Hampton, Va., for the holidays.

Dr. E. D. Starke, of Front Royal, Va., is visiting his sisters at their home, No. 60 North Seventh Street.

Miss Sallie R. Carter, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of the Misses Glazebrook, of this city.

Mr. Marshall Harwood is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Charles Culpepper, of Portsmouth.

Miss Annie S. Moore is the guest of friends in Fredericksburg.

Mr. Robert Stewart, who spent Christmas with his parents in Portsmouth, has returned to the city.

Mr. Thomas Westerman, of Clifton Forge, is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes and family, who spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, have returned to Norfolk.

Mr. Franklin A. Leath, of Newport News, is visiting his mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Nugent are the guests of Mr. C. D. Barnes in Petersburg.

Miss Isabella Law, of Norfolk, is the guest of friends here.

Miss Margaret Anne Neal, of the Retreat for the Sick, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John N. Martin, in Newport News.

Mr. N. N. Olive, of King George county, is here for medical treatment.

Mr. Asbury Swinley, of the University College of Medicine, is spending the holidays at his home in Winchester.

Mrs. Ellen Williams is the guest of Miss Sue Rittman in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Emma Staples spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples, in Harrisonburg.

Mrs. E. N. Newman is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moon, in Lynchburg.

Mr. Joseph H. Harrison and Mr. A. H. Gary, of Danville, are visiting in Richmond during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Long, of this city, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dula in Danville. Mrs. Long was among those present at a tea given Friday afternoon by Mrs. J. E. Perkins, in honor of her guest, Mrs. Samuel Helm, of New York.

Mrs. Charles Darlington and children are visiting in Newport News.

Miss Evelyn Edmonson, of St. Luke's Hospital, this city, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wimblish, in Danville.

Miss Nora Thurston, of Washington, is spending the holiday season in Richmond, the guest of Miss Jessie Hooper, No. 721 Spring Street.

#### TO STOP REBATES.

Members of Legislature to Call a Halt in Life Insurance Business.

A prominent member of the House of Delegates is now at work on the rough draft of an amendment to the insurance laws of the State, the object of which will be to prevent the giving of rebates by the big companies.

All the smaller companies who suffer by present conditions are understood to be ready to join in the fight for the reform, and there will probably be a big battle to get the measure through. Insurance legislation along other lines is expected, with anticipation.

One will have for its object the creation of an insurance commission, and another will likely be aimed at the Southern Railway Association.

There will also be a bill for the collection of the State's share in the life insurance fund, and a bill for the collection of the State's share in the life insurance fund.

#### COLLECTIONS GOOD.

Many Belated Tax-Payers May Yet Escape the Rush.

Collector Frank W. Cunningham and all of his deputies were kept very busy all of yesterday taking money across the counter, and for future the collector's office in the City Hall had much the appearance of a busy bank.

The rush was in the fact that Saturday is the last day of grace due to the taxpayer in order that he or she may have the 5 per cent penalty which the law exacts of those who fail to pay their taxes by the end of the year.

Three more days, including, if the Saturday half day may be called a day, remain for the payment of taxes, and those who wish to avoid the Saturday rush would be wise to visit the collector's office today, if possible, or tomorrow at all hazards.

## "THE SOUTHERN'S" FINE EARNINGS

President Stevens, of Chesapeake and Ohio, Tells His Plans for Next Year.

#### MANY ROADS FIGHT PASSES

Railroads May Decline to Sell Tickets to "the Blind" Unattended.

Mr. A. H. Plant, comptroller of the Southern Railway has issued the following statement of earnings of the road for the third week in December:

Southern Railway Company, excluding St. Louis-Louisville lines: This year, \$351,851; last year, \$351,850; increase, \$1.

Southern Railway Company, St. Louis-Louisville lines: This year, \$75,804; last year, \$74,206; increase, \$1,598.

President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, says:

"During the next year the Chesapeake and Ohio will receive 6,000 new freight cars, ten passenger coaches and thirty-six heavy consolidated freight engines."

"There will be fifty miles of road double tracked during 1906, making double track from Clifton Forge, Va., near Russell, Ky. We are also going to build a thirty-one mile branch from Covington, Va., to some iron ore properties in this region."

In line with the action taken by executive officers of the Pennsylvania, and the New York Central, to the effect that no passes will be issued after January 1st, except to railway employees, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Erie and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western have made similar announcements. They are in accord with the action taken by the Trunk Line Association.

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania have by resolution approved President Cassatt's order.

Develop Coal Fields.

A charter has been granted in West Virginia to the Charleston, Pickersburg, and Western Railroad. Its line has been located eight miles north of Charleston, to develop coal fields in the Bruden region and to furnish a short connection west and north of Charleston to other lines.

The Raleigh and Charleston Railroad has been incorporated in South Carolina, with a capital of \$500,000, in order to act as an extension of the Carolina and Northern. The present road runs between Marion, S. C., and Lumberton, N. C. It is desired by the new line to form connection with Raleigh on the north, and Charleston on the south.

The right of a railroad company to refuse transportation to a blind man unaccompanied by an attendant is upheld by the Kentucky Appellate Court in a case where the applicant was a blind man seventy-seven years of age, and the journey would have involved two or three changes of cars.

On December 24th, the shareholders of the English organization known as the Alabama Great Southern Railway, Limited, will vote to wind up the company in accordance with an agreement with the Southern Railway Company, which owns a majority of all the shares. Under this plan the holder of each share of the English company will receive an equivalent number of shares of the American company, the Alabama Great Southern Railway Company.

President Spencer believes that under the proposed plan the latter company will continue to pay dividends upon its preference shares as heretofore and provide for payment of the funded arrears.

In an inquiry by the Georgia Railroad Commission, President Spencer, of the Southern Railway Company, testified that the Southern has never owned or held the stock of the Central of Georgia, but if the stock were sold it would claim the proceeds. The stock is held as an unadministered asset by the Organization Committee of the Richmond Terminal Company, and it is held that its relations to the Southern Company are not in conflict with the Georgia laws.

Virginia Coal, Iron and Coke Company have ordered two saddle tank construction locomotives of the Davenport Locomotive Works. These will be used in the building of their railroad at Bristol, Tenn.

Two Committee Meetings.

Two meetings of Council committees have been announced for to-day, Streets, at 5 P. M., and Water, at 8 P. M.

It is understood that there is but little chance to come before either committee, except the auditing of bills and the probability is that both will be very brief meetings, but they are important all the same, and it is very desirable that both shall reduce in quorum.

GOVERNOR IS VERY BUSY AT THIS TIME

Between Moving and Message He Has Plenty to Do.

GOVERNOR MONTAGUE is a very busy man this week, although it is the holiday season and nearly the end of his official term. The Governor is not only worried over trying to get into his new quarters at the Capitol, but has upon his hands the Legislature, and his secretary have been for the past several days, and now have it in fairly good shape.

While it is not known exactly what subjects his Excellency will treat, it is believed his last official paper to the General Assembly of his State will be a strong one, and will deal with matters of interest to all the people. The Governor will, according to popular belief, officially receive the new Capitol building from the contractor, Mr. Wirt A. Chestnutman, and will likely make a public address from the southern portico on the occasion.

There may not be many formalities, and it is expected that the turning over of a key and the Governor's speech will be about all. Meanwhile, Governor Montague, Secretary D. Q. Egleston and the Corporation Commission will have occupied their offices.

The Capitol is being put in fine shape for the Legislature, and will be ready in ample time for the session.

Many Licensed to Wed.

The clerk of the Hunting Court has been kept busy for two days or more issuing marriage licenses. A majority of the applicants for late December marriages were collected.

The following marriages obtained

license: George W. Tuck and Maude T. Wade, E. Guy Hopkins and Paul D. Garry, Norman Phillips and Minnie Stroud, Garland M. Dunn and Mamie B. Herndon, Peyton W. Johnson and Catherine Rhoads, George Hoffman and Florence E. Erhart, Marshall E. Jenson and Edna E. Moody, Willis R. Thurston and Mamie S. Gilman, John O'Neil and M. Elizabeth Stephens.

So far one hundred and eight marriage licenses have been issued for this month.

Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, December 27.—Hotel Astor.—Mrs. M. Thalhimer; Holland—C. H. Montague and wife; Algonquin—Mrs. M. C. Groves, Miss E. Hotchkiss; Cadillac—J. Gardner and wife; Hoffman—A. Campton, Jr.; Broadway Central—H. A. Taylor; St. Denis—J. W. Finch, W. M. Whittey; Astor—J. H. Shotwell.

Blair is Reappointed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 27.—J. C. Blair received a telegram to-day announcing his reappointment as Assistant United States District Attorney for the Western District of Virginia.

Holiday Flowers and Plants.

Largest Stock at